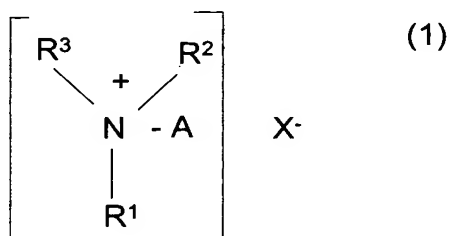


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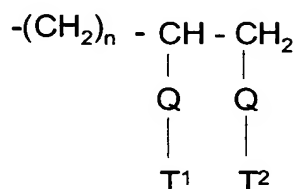
1.(Currently Amended) An ester quat composition consisting essentially consisting of:

a) at least 50% by weight of an ester quat compound of the formula



wherein:

A is a group of the formulas  $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-Q-T}^1$  or



Q is  $-\text{O-C(O)}-$  or  $-\text{C(O)-O}-$ ;

$\text{R}^1$  is  $(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-Q-T}^2$  or  $\text{T}^3$  or  $\text{R}^3$ ;

$\text{R}^2$  is  $(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-Q-T}^4$  or  $\text{T}^5$  or  $\text{R}^3$ ;

$\text{R}^3$  is H,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6\text{-alkenyl}$  or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6\text{-hydroxyalkyl}$ ;

$\text{T}^1$ ,  $\text{T}^2$ ,  $\text{T}^3$ ,  $\text{T}^4$ ,  $\text{T}^5$  are independently  $\text{C}_8\text{-C}_{22}\text{-alkyl}$  or  $\text{C}_8\text{-C}_{22}\text{-alkenyl}$ ;

n and m are integers from 1 to 6; and

X is an anion,

b) an organic solvent

- c) water and
- d) a pH modifier selected from the group consisting of triethanolamine, monoethanolamine, ethylenediamine, dialkylamine dialkylamines, dialkyl methyl amine [[amines]], ethoxylated alkyl amine [[amines]], [[or]] methyl propanol alkyl amine, and mixtures thereof.

2.(Currently Amended) The [[A]] concentrated ester quat composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein in the formula 1

Q is -O-C(O)-;

R<sup>1</sup> is (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-Q-T<sup>2</sup> or T<sup>3</sup>;

R<sup>2</sup> is (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-Q-T<sup>4</sup> or T<sup>5</sup> or R<sup>3</sup>;

R<sup>3</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-hydroxyalkyl;

T<sup>1</sup>, T<sup>2</sup>, T<sup>3</sup>, T<sup>4</sup>, T<sup>5</sup> are independently C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>22</sub>-alkenyl;

n and m are 1 or 2.

3.(Currently Amended) The [[A]] concentrated ester quat composition of claim 1 ~~as claimed in any of the previous claims~~, wherein two or more different types of the ester quat compounds of formula 1 ~~as defined in claim 1~~ are present.

4.(Currently Amended) The [[A]] concentrated ester quat composition of claim 1  
~~as claimed in any of the previous claims~~, wherein the ester quat compound is a  
compound of formula 1 wherein A, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are a group of the formula -  
CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCO-T<sup>1</sup>, or wherein R<sup>2</sup> is in addition may be a group R<sup>3</sup>, with the proviso that  
R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are different being independently selected, ~~R<sup>3</sup> and X being as defined~~  
~~under formula 1.~~

5.(Currently Amended) The [[A]] concentrated ester quat composition of claim 1  
~~as claimed in any of the previous claims~~, wherein the ester quat compound is  
present in an amount of from 50 to 90%[[, preferably from 65 to 75%]] by weight of  
[[the whole]] said concentrated ester quat composition.

6.(Currently Amended) The [[A]] concentrated ester quat composition of claim 1  
~~as claimed in any of the previous claims~~, wherein the organic solvent is a short  
alcohol selected from the group consisting of short alcohols, preferably methanol,  
ethanol, propanol, isopropanol [[or a mixture]] , and mixtures thereof.

7.(Currently Amended) The [[A]] concentrated ester quat composition of claim 1  
~~as claimed in any of the previous claims~~, wherein the organic solvent, or a mixture of  
organic solvents, is present in an amount of from 5 to 30%[[, preferably from 15 to  
25%]] by weight of [[the whole]] said concentrated ester quat composition.

8.(Currently Amended)     The [[A]] concentrated ester quat composition of claim 1  
as claimed in any of the previous claims, wherein the water is present in an amount  
of from 5 to 20%[[, preferably from 7 to 15%]] by weight of [[the whole]] said  
concentrated ester quat composition.

9.(Currently Amended)     The [[A]] concentrated ester quat composition of claim 1  
~~as claimed in any of the previous claims~~, wherein the pH modifier is present in an  
amount of from 0.1 to 3% by weight of the [[whole]] concentrated ester quat  
composition.

10.(Currently Amended)     The [[A]] concentrated ester quat composition of claim 1  
~~as claimed in any of the previous claims~~, which additionally contains any other  
additives or auxiliaries.

11.( New)                     The concentrated ester quat composition of claim 1,  
wherein the ester quat compound is present in an amount of from 65 to 75% by  
weight of said concentrated ester quat composition.

12.( New)                     The concentrated ester quat composition of claim 1,  
wherein the organic solvent, or a mixture of organic solvents, is present in an  
amount of from 15 to 25% by weight of said concentrated ester quat composition.

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13.( New)

The concentrated ester quat composition of claim 1,  
wherein water is present in an amount of from 7 to 15 % by weight of said  
concentrated ester quat composition.